



Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the **Tom Bentley Memorial Continuing Education Scholarship Program**, offered by MidSouth Community Federal Credit Union. Enclosed, you will find the application package and detailed instructions to help you complete each section. Please take a few moments to review everything carefully before filling out the forms.

To be considered, **all application materials must be received by Friday, April 24, 2026**. Once your packet is complete, it will be reviewed by our Scholarship Committee, and the recipients will be announced in June 2026.

Please submit any scholarship questions to [marketing@midsouthfcu.org](mailto:marketing@midsouthfcu.org).

Thank you again for your interest in the Tom Bentley Memorial Scholarship Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roy Bibb".

Roy Bibb  
President & CEO

~Enclosures



## **TOM BENTLEY MEMORIAL CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**

### **Instructions and Guidelines**

*Please read it in its entirety.*

#### **A. APPLICANT'S ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP:**

1. The applicant must have an active MidSouth Community FCU membership account that was opened on or before January 1, 2026.
2. The applicant is considered a high school graduate or has completed the GED requirement at the time of submitting their application.
3. The applicant must have acceptance to an accredited U.S. college, university, or vocational/technical school at the time of application. If pursuing a masters degree at the time of application, include an acceptance letter to that accredited school.
4. If the applicant has previously caused a financial loss to MidSouth Community FCU, the applicant is ineligible.
5. The applicant cannot be an employee of MidSouth Community FCU, nor the child or grandchild of an employee or Volunteer of MidSouth Community FCU.

#### **B. APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED BASED ON THE FOLLOWING:**

1. Grades | Official transcript only
2. Essay
3. Recommendations written by two (2) community leaders (ex. pastor, educator, counselor, business leader, etc.)
4. Financial need
5. Overall appearance of the application

#### **C. SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT:**

1. One (1) recipient will be awarded a scholarship of \$2,000.
2. The scholarship will be paid in one lump sum directly to the recipients' college, university, or vocational/technical school.

#### **D. APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITY IN APPLYING:**

1. Submit your completed application packet by mailing or hand-delivering it to the address below so that it arrives by **5:00 p.m., Friday, April 24, 2026**. Applications received after the deadline will be considered incomplete and will not be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee.
2. The two (2) letters of recommendation and academic transcript(s) (from any college, university, or vocational/technical school you have previously attended) must also be mailed to the address below and received by **5:00 p.m., Friday, April 24, 2026**. If any document is missing or arrives after the deadline, the application will be considered incomplete and will not be reviewed.
3. Mailing/hand-delivery address:

**MidSouth Community Federal Credit Union  
ATTN: Scholarship Committee/Marketing Dept.  
4810 Mercer University Drive  
Macon, GA 31210**

**TOM BENTLEY MEMORIAL CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**Control # \_\_\_\_\_  
(assigned by MSCFCU)**APPLICANT'S PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Last 4 of Social Security # XXX-XX- \_\_\_\_\_Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Area Code \_\_\_\_\_

Last 2 digits of Applicant's active MidSouth Community FCU account #: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Gross Income (total income earned before taxes/deductions) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of dependent children applicant has, not attending college \_\_\_\_\_

Number of dependent children applicant has, attending college \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date (Month/Year) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of college, university, or vocational/technical school you currently attend or are planning to attend:  
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\_\_\_\_\_Please explain any unusual circumstances:  
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\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

**TOM BENTLEY MEMORIAL CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**APPLICANT'S ENROLLMENT PLANS**

State your plans for being enrolled in a regionally accredited U.S. college, university, or vocational/technical school.

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Have you been granted scholarship aid? If so, give details:

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Do you intend to apply for financial aid at the college, university, or vocational/technical school you are attending? If so, give details:

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Do you have reason to expect scholarship/financial aid from any other source? If so, give details:

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In the space provided below (*handwritten or typed*), describe in 100 words or fewer why you want to receive the Tom Bentley Memorial Scholarship, and include the course of study or major you're currently pursuing.